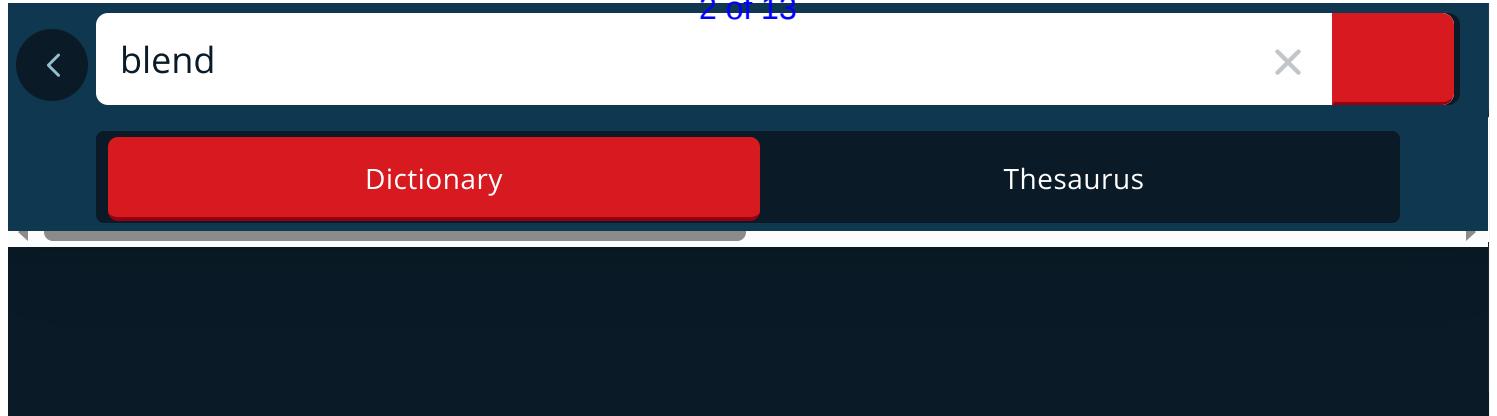


EXHIBIT 1



blend 1 of 2 verb

'blend

blended also **blent** ; **blending**

[Synonyms of blend >](#)

transitive verb

1 : **MIX**

especially : to combine or associate so that the separate constituents or the line of demarcation cannot be distinguished

2 : to prepare by thoroughly intermingling different varieties or grades

intransitive verb

1 a : to mingle intimately or unobtrusively

b : to combine into an integrated whole

2 : to produce a harmonious effect

• **blendable** **adjective**

blend 2 of 2 noun

1 : something produced by **blending**: such as

a : a product prepared by blending

b : a word (such as *brunch*) produced by combining other words or parts of words

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Synonyms

Verb

amalgamate	combine
comingle	commingle
commix	composite
concrete	conflate
fuse	homogenize
immingle	immix
incorporate	integrate
interfuse	intermingle
intermix	meld
merge	mingle
mix	

Noun

adixture	alloy
amalgam	amalgamation
cocktail	combination
composite	compound
conflation	emulsion
fusion	intermixture
meld	mix
mixture	synthesis

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MIX, MINGLE, COMMINGLE, BLEND, MERGE, COALESCE, AMALGAMATE, FUSE
mean to combine into a more or less uniform whole.

MIX may or may not imply loss of each element's identity.

| mix the salad greens

| mix a drink

MINGLE usually suggests that the elements are still somewhat distinguishable or separately active.

| fear *mingled* with anticipation in my mind

COMMINGLE implies a closer or more thorough mingling.

| a sense of duty *commingled* with a fierce pride drove her

BLEND implies that the elements as such disappear in the resulting mixture.

| *blended* several teas to create a balanced flavor

MERGE suggests a combining in which one or more elements are lost in the whole.

| in his mind reality and fantasy *merged*

COALESCE implies an affinity in the merging elements and usually a resulting organic unity.

| telling details that *coalesce* into a striking portrait

AMALGAMATE implies the forming of a close union without complete loss of individual identities.

| refugees who were readily *amalgamated* into the community

FUSE stresses oneness and indissolubility of the resulting product.

| a building in which modernism and classicism are *fused*

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The music **blends** traditional and modern melodies.

She **blends** psychology and crime in her new novel.

Noun

a **blend** of cream and eggs

a **blend** of traditional and modern melodies

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In Canada, many producers ferment and distill the different grains in the mash bill separately and then **blend** them post-distillation.

— Joseph V Micallef, *Forbes.com*, 26 Apr. 2025

Read Next California Estate designed 'to **blend** with the river and foothills' lists near Fresno.

— Tj Maclas, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, 26 Apr. 2025

Noun

With a menu designed to have something for everyone, Angry Ale's has classic bar bites and a **blend** of comfort food with elevated, high quality dishes — including its fry lineup.

— Chyna Blackmon, *Charlotte Observer*, 28 Apr. 2025

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— Evie Carrick, *Travel + Leisure*, 27 Apr. 2025

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Word History

Etymology

Verb

Middle English *blenden*, *blinden* "to mix, blend, intersperse, have dealings (with)," probably borrowed from an Old Norse predecessor of Old Icelandic *blend* (1st singular), *blendr* (3rd singular), present tense forms of *blanda* "to mix in, blend," going back to Germanic **blanda-* "to mix, mingle," probably originally "to make murky or obscure" (whence also Old English *blandan*, *blondan*, *geblandan* "to mix, blend," Old Saxon *giblandan* "blended, mingled," Middle Dutch *blanden* "to mix," Old High German *blantan* "to produce, bring about" [Middle High German *blanden* "to make turbid, mix, bring about"], Gothic *sik blandan* "to associate with"), o-grade causative from a dialectal Indo-European base **b^hlend^h-* "become murky or cloudy, see poorly" whence also Old Church Slavic *blědǫ*, *blěsti* "to chatter, talk nonsense," *blōždǫ*, *blōžditi* "to wander," Polish *błęd* "error," Lithuanian *bleñdžiasi*, *blēstis* "to become dark," *blandùs* "impure, murky, dark"

NOTE: The verb **b^hlend^h-* is among a group of roots that J. Pokorny (*Indogermanisches etymologisches Wörterbuch*) took as "extensions" (*Erweiterungen*) from zero-grade of **b^hel-* "shine" (see [BALD entry 1](#)). But, aside from semantic issues, this use of extensions is so unconstrained that any phonotactically appropriate verbal base beginning with **b^hl-* that might have the vaguest figurative connection to light or vision can be claimed as a derivative of **b^hel-*. If such extensions explain so little, there is little reason to evoke them, and etyma such as **b^hlend^h-* stand on their own. See also [BLIND entry 1](#), [BLENDE](#), [BLUNDER entry 1](#).

Noun

derivative of [BLEND entry 1](#)

First Known Use

Verb

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Time Traveler

The first known use of *blend* was in the 14th century

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blend

1 of 2 **verb**

'blend

1 : to mix thoroughly so that the things mixed cannot be recognized

2 : to shade into each other : **MERGE**

3 : **HARMONIZE** **sense 2**

furniture that *blends* with the draperies

blend

2 of 2 **noun**

1 : a thorough mixture

2 : a product (as coffee) prepared by blending

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